

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BENC, NZ  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: THERMAL POWER PLANT IN AUCKLAND

REF: STATE 048291, WELLINGTON 0920

1. REFTEL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT STORES BOARD, NZ CUSTOMS, AND NZ ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT (NZED). DECISION TO GRANT CONCESSIONS OF (I.E. WAIVE) CUSTOMS DUTIES FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS NZED IS MADE BY CUSTOMS ON APPLICATION FROM THE IMPORTING AGENCY. IN DEALING WITH SUCH APPLICATIONS, CUSTOMS IS INTERESTED, INTER ALIA, IN WHETHER THERE IS A DOMESTIC INDUSTRY MANUFACTURING A COMPARABLE PRODUCT AND WHETHER THE COST OF THAT LOCAL PRODUCT IS EXCESSIVE BY COMPARISON WITH COST OF IMPORTED PRODUCT.

2. WE ARE INFORMED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS THAT IN PRACTICE SUCH CONCESSIONS HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN READILY GRANTED TO THE NZED FOR IMPORTS OF LARGE TURBINES AND GENERATORS. HOWEVER, THERE BEING A DOMESTIC BOILER INDUSTRY, CONCESSIONS ARE NOT GRANTED FOR IMPORTS OF LARGE BOILERS INCLUDING THOSE FOR POWER STATIONS. THIS LEAVES CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN SUPPLIERS WITH A TARIFF ADVANTAGE VIS-A-VIS U.S. SUPPLIERS.

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